

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, and 10-22 and 27-40 are allowed. Claims 23-26 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 3, 9, 41, and 42 were previously cancelled. No new claims have been added, and no claims have been amended.

The office action rejected claims 23-26. Applicant has cancelled claims 23-26 to advance the allowance of this matter, but without conceding the correctness of the rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the notice of allowable subject matter. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance of all pending claims be issued in this case.

In the event the examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact the attorney at the telephone number identified below.

Respectfully submitted,
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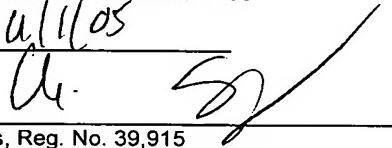
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